

PDP COMMODITY
SAMPLE FACT SHEET
(effective 01/02)

PRODUCT: Fresh Asparagus (AS)

SAMPLING PROCEDURES:

- Sampling begins January 1, 2002.
- Fresh asparagus will be sampled for one (1) year and continuing through December 2002.
- Canned asparagus will be sampled for one (1) year beginning January 1, 2003 and continuing through December 2003.

VARIETIES: If the variety is easily identified on the can or package, enter that information in the “Variety” field of the Sample Information Form (SIF). If the variety is not available, leave the “Variety” field blank. Sample collectors should not enter the brand or trade name (i.e, Dole, Libby’s) on the SIF.

AVAILABILITY: Year-round.

SAMPLE SIZE: 5 pounds (fresh)

UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS: Fresh white asparagus. Canned asparagus. Canned asparagus cannot be substituted for fresh asparagus. Prepackaged salad mixes.

PACKAGING AND SHIPPING: Fresh asparagus should be packaged with sufficient coolant materials to ensure samples arrive in the laboratory in acceptable condition.

Canned asparagus should not be packaged with fresh vegetables, unless additional packaging materials or partitioned shipping boxes are used to prevent fresh product from being damaged.

All asparagus samples, except for California and Maryland, will be shipped to the Tallahassee, Florida laboratory (FL1).

RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT CONDITIONS:

Fresh:

- Desired transit temperature: 32° F to 35° F (0 to 2°C)
- Desired relative humidity: 95 to 100 percent
- Highest freezing point: 30.9° F (-0.6° C)

ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:

Fresh--yes:

- Asparagus should not be packaged and shipped in the same box with other ethylene producing/sensitive commodities